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FOLLOWING TEL MADRAS 0292 DTD 12 FEB 76 RCVD NEW DELHI
BEING REPEATED TO YOU. QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRAS 0292

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SUBJ: MORE ARRESTS AS MRS GANDHI'S VISIT NEARS

1. SOME OF OUR LOCAL EMPLOYEES REPORT THAT A VIGOROUS
ROUNDUP OF ANTI-SOCIAL ELEMENTS AND DMK MEMBERS WAS
REVIVED IN MADRAS LAST NLT, PRESUMABLY IN VIEW OF MRS
GANDHI'S IMPENDING VISIT. OUR POLICE SOURCES
REPORT THE ARREST OF 72 PERSONS IN MADRAS SINCE LAST
NIGHT, AND SAY ALL POLICE STATIONS IN THE CITY HAVE
BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ARREST ELEMENTS WHICH THEY BELIEVE
NECESSARY TO BE IN CUSTODY DURING MRS GANDHI'S
VISIT. ADDITIONAL ANTI-SOCIAL ELEMENTS ARE BEING
ROUNDED UP IN VELLORE, WHICH MRS GANDHI WILL
VISIT FEBRUARY 14TH. THE POLICE EXPECT MORE PEOPLE
TO BE ROUNDED UP TONIGHT.

2. WE HAVE BEEN HEARING REPORTS ALL WEEK THAT
INTELLIGENCE BUREAU AGENTS ARE POPPING UP ALL AROUND
AND TAKING PEOPLE IN FOR MAKING POLITICALLY
INDISCREET REMARKS. THIS MORNING ONE OF OUR LOCAL
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EMPLOYEES REPORTED THAT THE DRIVER OF THE BUS ON

WHICH HE WAS TRAVELING TO WORK BECAME SO
EXASPERATED WITH A TROUBLESOME LADY PASSENGER THAT
HE BLURTED OUT: "YOU MUST THINK YOU ARE INDIRA
GANDHI, CAUSING SO MUCH TROUBLE," A MALE PASSENGER
IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS AN INTELLIGENCE
BUREAU AGENT AND INSTRUCTED THE BUS DRIVER TO DRIVE
TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION, WHERE HE WAS TAKEN
INTO CUSTODY.

3. "RESIGNATIONS" (I.E., DISMISSALS) OF PRO-DMK
MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS AND PANCHAYAT PRESIDENTS
CONTINUE TO BE REPORTED IN THE PRESS.
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